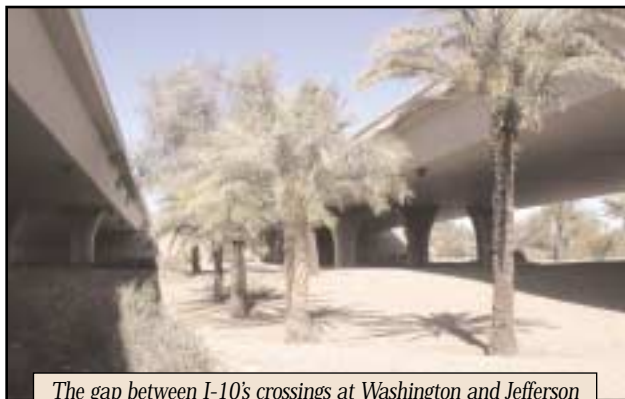
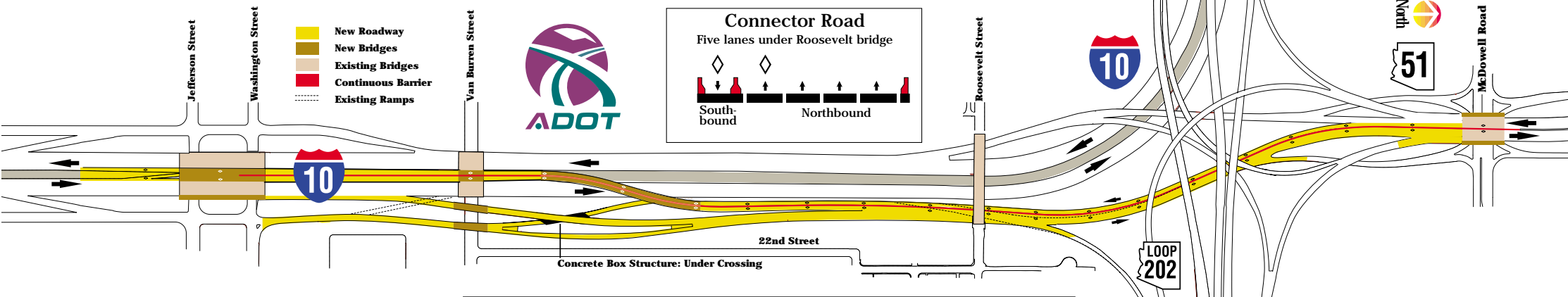
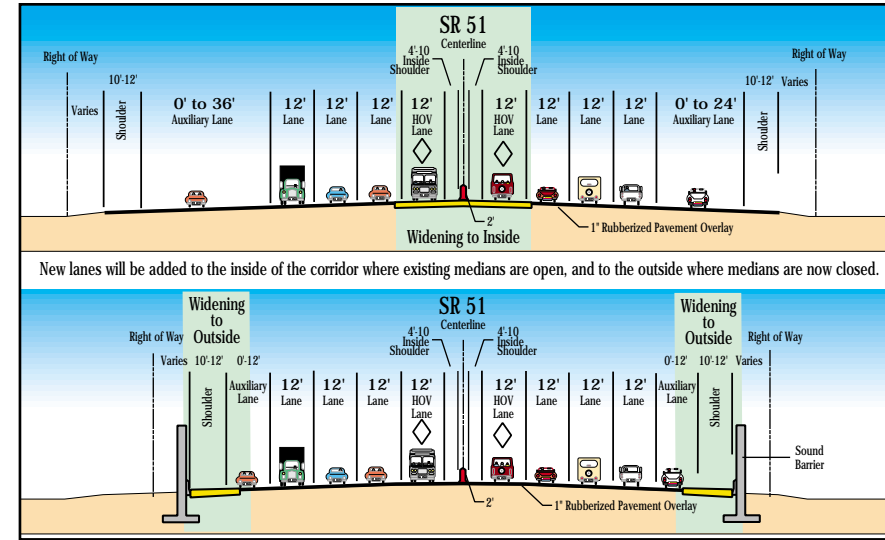
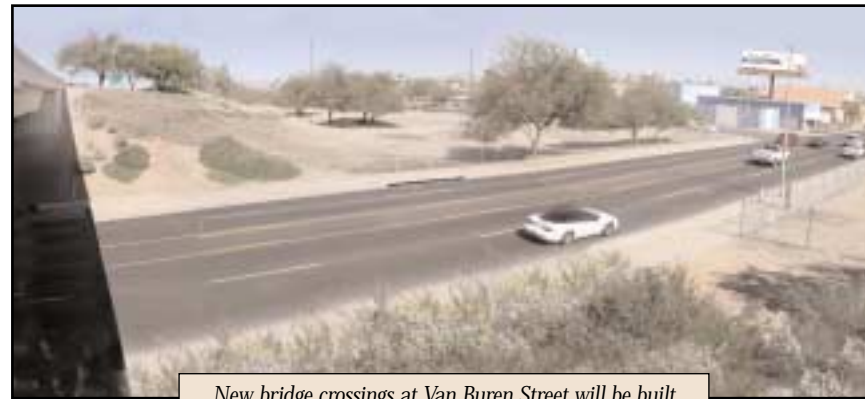


Work is starting to modernize State Route 51. New carpool lanes are being added, sound barriers are being enhanced, and smooth, quiet rubberized asphalt will be applied from Interstate 10 to Shea Boulevard. Significant operational improvements on I-10 are also planned as part of the \$75.7 million renovation that will be finished next spring. I-10 carpool lanes will be extended to SR 51 to provide a free-flow HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) connection between the freeways. An HOV ramp bridge will cross over westbound I-10 (north of Van Buren Street) and join a new "connector road" linking to SR 51 and Loop 202. A new I-10 exit to the connector road will be built and the Washington Street entrance to I-10 will be relocated-easing congested traffic movements from the interstate to the regional freeways. The joint venture Design-Build Team of Ames Construction and Edward Kraemer & Sons will implement innovative construction sequencing to accelerate project completion and minimize disruption to traffic.

Three lanes will remain open in each direction on SR 51 during peak travel hours. Construction zones will be established on SR 51 by the end of April.



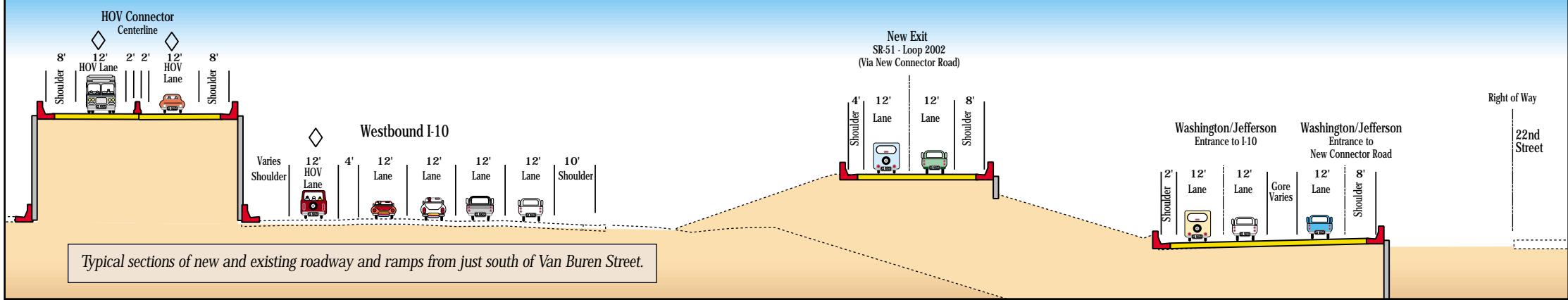
The gap between I-10's crossings at Washington and Jefferson streets will be closed to accommodate new HOV lanes.



New bridge crossings at Van Buren Street will be built within the limits of the existing I-10 corridor boundary.



Rubberized asphalt overlay installation on U.S. 60, similar to that planned on SR 51, was completed late last year.



Typical sections of new and existing roadway and ramps from just south of Van Buren Street.